

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for adding or transferring licenses to a computer system comprising:
a wizard component; and
a license database interface component that communicates with a license database, wherein the wizard component provides a graphical user interface to facilitate communication between a license store and a license database.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein a user utilizes the wizard component to communicate a license code to the license database.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the license code is indicative of the number of licenses to be added or transferred to a computer system.
4. The system of claim 3, wherein the license database interface component receives the license code from the interface component and generates a corresponding activation code.
5. The system of claim 4, wherein the wizard component receives the activation code and activates a license component.
6. The system of claim 4, wherein license component stores license data including a quantity representing the number of licenses to be added or transferred to the license store.
7. The system of claim 1, wherein communication between the wizard component and the license database interface component is over the Internet.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the wizard component receives an activation code entered by a user to activate the license component.
9. The system of claim 8, wherein the user receives the activation code over the telephone.
10. A system for backing up and restoring licenses comprising:
a wizard component; and
a backup storage interface component, wherein the wizard provides a graphical user interface to facilitate interaction between a license data store and a backup data store.
11. The system of claim 10, wherein a user utilizes the wizard component to specify a particular backup data store and file path where the backup copies of one or more licenses are to be stored.
12. The system of claim 11, wherein the backup data is stored on a portable storage medium.
13. The system of claim 12, wherein the portable storage medium is a floppy disk.
14. The system of claim 12, wherein the portable storage medium is a flash memory device.
15. The system of claim 12, wherein the backup data store is an optical storage medium.
16. The system of claim 10, wherein the user receives confirmation of success in backing up one or more licenses from the wizard component.

17. The system of claim 10, wherein the wizard receives a file path from a user designating the location of the backup license copies and interacts with the backup storage interface component to retrieve the backup copy and save it to the license store so as to restore corrupted license data.
18. A method for adding licenses to a computer system using a series of interactive display screens comprising:
- accepting a license agreement;
 - indicating a method of contacting a license database;
 - providing a license code identifying a particular license component;
 - receiving an activation code from the license database, wherein the activation code is provided to a license component to activate the license component which then installs digital licenses to the computer system.
19. The method of claim 18, wherein a license agreement is accepted by selecting a button indicating acceptance of the agreement.
20. The method of claim 18, wherein one method of contacting a license database is using the Internet.
21. The method of claim 18, wherein one method of contacting a license database is using a telephone.
22. The method of claim 21, further comprising providing an installation ID to the license database.
23. The method of claim 18, wherein the number of digital licenses installed is related to license code associated with a license component.

24. The method of claim 18, further comprising providing credit card information to facilitate purchasing a license component.
25. The method of claim 24, wherein a purchased license component is downloaded from a web site.
26. A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for carry out the method of claim 18.
27. A method backing up licenses using an interactive wizard comprising:
providing a file path indicating a location to store copies of licenses; and
receiving confirmation that licenses have been saved.
28. The method of claim 27, wherein the location corresponds to a particular place on a portable external storage medium.
29. The method of claim 28, wherein the storage medium is a floppy disk.
30. The method of claim 28, wherein the storage medium is a compact disk.
31. The method of claim 28, wherein the storage medium is a flash memory device.
32. A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for carry out the method of claim 27.
33. A method for restoring licenses using an interactive wizard comprising:
specifying a file path identifying the location of a backup copy of one or more licenses; and
receiving confirmation that licenses have been restored.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the wizard provides a mechanism to browse storage locations to facilitate identifying the location of a backup copy.
35. The method of claim 33, wherein the wizard provides a mechanism for printing information associated with confirmation that licenses have been restored.
36. A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for carry out the method of claim 33.